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RE: Comments on Draft EIS for Demolition and Cleanup Activities at the SSFL

Dear Allen,

I have been involved with the effort to get this site cleaned up since 1989. I have spent time going to endless meetings, time that I should have spent with my family. Now after all these years when I finally thought we had achieved our goal with the signing of the AOC's by NASA we are again faced with your agency just walking away and leaving all the contamination behind.

Now with the release of your Draft Environmental Impact Statement it is clear that your agency has no plans to follow the signed agreement. Our community viewed this signed agreement as a commitment between your agency and the families of our community. This seems to be a commitment that your agency signed but had no intention of keeping.

NASA dumped huge amounts of contaminants, just one of the most toxic TCE was poured onto the ground in so many gallons that can't even be counted or accounted for. We have always been told it will take to the end of time to clean up this ground water contamination.

This EIS just wants to leave all the rocket test stands because they are historical but everyone knows and it is well documented that is exactly where most of the TCE was dumped on the ground. If you leave these stands then you are planning on walking away from your responsibility and commitment to this community to follow the AOC agreement you signed.

There is much talk about how awful the truck traffic will be so we should just leave it all there. The trucks have been going up and down to this facility for over 50 years and no one seemed to be worried about what was in the trucks or how it would affect the surrounding communities. NASA could have cared less about this issue until you faced cleaning up the mess you want to leave behind.

This EIS has almost no discussion about all the contamination you have placed there or any discussion on how you plan to clean it up. There is only discussion on how you can walk away and leave it behind hiding behind the words Historical, Truck Traffic, Native American Artifacts. These are all issues your agency could have cared less about when you were trying to get to the moon. Well you got there and you have reason to be proud but now to just walk away and leave it for generations to come is more than criminal its immoral.

There are many families in our community , Simi Valley and the San Fernando Valley that have real health issues. Allen, you have heard these sad stories with your own ears but I guess it all fell on deaf ears.

The sole purpose of an EIS is so everyone will know all the issues both large and small and how these issues will be addressed. This EIS just is lots of words with no real substance. No real solutions only words about how we need to save our test stands. Words about saving the Native American artifacts when you know that the AOC's provide for that along with native or endangered plants.

NASA made a commitment to this community and the people who live here and we expect nothing less than your agency making good on your end by cleaning up this site to the levels required by the AOC.

I can only hope that you will follow through on this commitment so my grandchildren and all the children that will live in the communities that are below this site won't live in fear, the fear that I have lived with since 1989.

DO THE RIGHT THING AND FOLLOW THE AOC'S YOU SIGNED

Sincerely

Marie Mason